

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title:	LOCAL RETURNS OF REMOTELY PURCHASED MERCHANDISE WITH RETURN CODE VALIDATION

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**REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Please advise of the status of the above-identified patent application. A Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer dated January 29, 2008 was filed by Applicants on March 27, 2008. Applicants received an Office Communication dated October 17, 2008 stating the Application was received from the Technology Center at the Board on September 29, 2008 and has been assigned Appeal No. 2009-0417. Applicants are currently awaiting a decision from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

If there are any matters that can be resolved through a telephone conference, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

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